

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 60  
SERVICE CONTRACTS SHALL BE AWARDED IN THE BEST  
INTEREST OF THE STATE

WHEREAS, the government of the State of North Carolina annually purchases over three billion dollars worth of goods and services; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Administration and the State Chief Information Officer are responsible for oversight of purchasing of, respectively, goods and services and information technology-specific goods and services for the State of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Administration is required by law to award contracts based on competitive bidding which includes evaluation of price and may include other factors such as quality, vendor performance, and any other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the State; and,

WHEREAS, the State Chief Information Officer is required by law to award information technology contracts based on the Best Value procurement law which requires the best trade-off between price and vendor performance, considering multiple factors such as quality, total cost of ownership, technical merit, vendor's past performance, timeliness, and compliance with industry standards, information technology security, and any other factors deemed to be in the best interest of the State; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of North Carolina are entitled to know how and where their tax dollars are being spent and whether tax dollars are being spent on services provided by workers located in countries outside of the United States; and,